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MEDCO PICNIC AUGUST 28TH

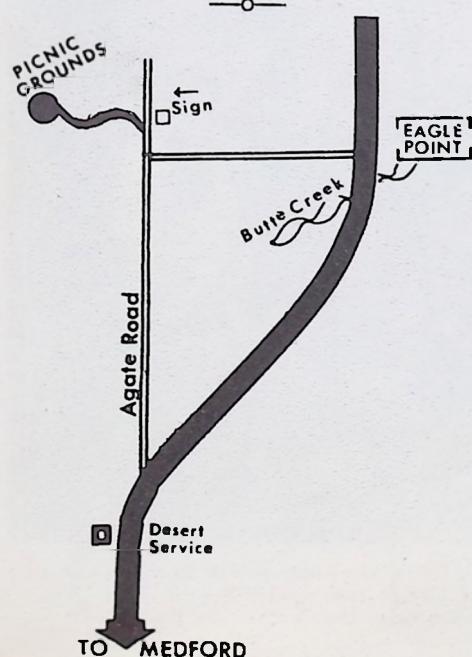
The third annual Medco Picnic will be held at the Elk's Picnic Grounds on the Rogue River Saturday, August 28th. Head toward White City and follow the map shown below.

The December floods have made some changes in the picnic area but Earl Obenshain and his men should have things under control.

Remember the only things that you need to bring are your families, your appetites and the idea that you're going to have a good time. The festivities will start about 11:00 a.m. and will last until 4:00 or 5:00 p.m.

We should have plenty to do! Races, games and pony rides for the youngsters, gate prizes, bingo and live music entertainment for the adults. Again John North's Chuck Wagon will handle an excellent food line and there will be plenty of pop and ice cream.

Some volunteers will be needed to stage the events for the youngsters and you all have been good at helping out... really it's a lot more fun than just watching.



and PLEASE make people more careful FIRE DANGER

We are all aware of the importance of prevention of forest fires, especially at this time of the year as conditions become hot and dry. The kind of weather that forest fires thrive on.

This prevention is vitally important to each one of us, our families, our forests are our source of livelihood so we urge each one of you to be constantly on the alert to prevent forest fires.

FEMININE SPEEDSTER

Congratulations to Miss Janet Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Johnson of the dry chain, for her fine showing in the Women's National A.A.U. Track and Field Meet held recently in Columbus, Ohio.

Janet finished sixth in the finals of the 220 yard dash. This is quite an accomplishment in view of the recent surge in women's track and field in the United States. Janet's accomplishment was against some of the best women sprinters not only in the United States but in the world. She also competed in the 100 yard dash and did her best but was not fortunate enough to qualify for the finals.

We hope that in future years we'll see Janet's name in first place position as she gains valuable experience in competition.

MEDCO BOARD MEETING

Medford was the site of the fall meeting of the board of directors of the Medford Corporation. The meeting was held in the company's main office August 17th and 18th.

The board and company officers spent the initial day in taking a first hand look at the woods and plant operations. The second day was devoted to considerations and reviews of operational and financial statements and discussion of current and future conditions and prospects.

Attending the meeting were Mr. R. J. Hogue, president, Medford; Mr. Alger Chaney, chairman of the board, San Francisco; Mr. B. L. Nutting, senior vice president, Medford; Mr. James Fentress, vice president, Wilmington, Delaware; Mr. George Birkelund, Chicago; Mr. Paul Fentress, Palm Beach; Mr. James Holland, Portland; Mr. Calvin Fentress, Skokie, Illinois; Mr. Peter Erickson, secretary, Chicago; Mr. K. E. Pickens, treasurer, Medford and Mr. J. E. Hansen, vice president, Medford.

LADY FIRE MARSHALL

Mrs. Ruth Capello, wife of faller "Red" Capello, is a registered member of the Butte Falls Volunteer Fire Department. Ruth who works as a cook in Nora's Cafe has taken the regular fire marshals course and passed the demanding test.

Ruth drives the truck, assists in fighting the fire and in general performs all the duties of any regular "smoke chaser."

Interesting note that Ruth was the first person to drive the new Butte Falls fire truck that was purchased recently. Interesting question. What happens if there's a fire in the stove in Nora's kitchen?

MEDCO SOFTBALL

Medco representatives in the Jackson County Softball Association were Medco Plywood and Medco Loggers. Both teams had a fine season and played right down to the wire tying for second place in the National League.

In fact our teams had a play-off game to decide which would be the entry in the post season President's Cup Tournament. The tournament is contested between the two top teams in the National and American Leagues. The Loggers won out in a hard played game and went on to tourney play. There they gave a good account of themselves before being edged out by Valley Window Cleaners 4 to 3 after leading 3 to 2 late in the game. Crater Lake Ford then topped Valley Window to snare the Presidents Cup.

Larry Cavin, Medco Loggers was presented with a trophy for the highest batting average in the American League.

All in all the season was a good one and our men gave a good account of themselves. Congratulations to all the fellows involved.



MARKET REPORT

The past few weeks have brought an unexpected (by most experts) increase in certain lumber and plywood markets. The move by some of these consuming areas was well timed as a lot of people were beginning to become discouraged about marketing conditions during 1965. Even yet some areas have not responded to the upward trend so the situation is not a general one. There was a general feeling of pessimism and the boost should restore some needed confidence in the market and perhaps tend to balance out some earlier losses.

The future again depends heavily on such variable factors as weather conditions in the consuming areas and car supply in the producing areas.

We are continuing to check out new sales potentials and possible markets and uses for our products. A fast moving, hard working one week sales trip to northern California areas should continue to produce the desired results that will enable Medco to maintain its marketing position.



MEDCO LOGGERS - front row — Mike Cole, Bob Hargraves, Larry Cavin, Don Irwin, Steve Tygart. Back row — Neil Ellis, Ron Sizemore, Darwin Moore, Dan Edmondson, Larry Barlow, Lloyd Holmes, Don Courtright, Jerry Price.



MEDCO PLYWOOD - front row — Bill Moore, Rod Smith, Dave Johnson, Willie Barnum, Mel Rose. Back row — Jim Morgan, Gene Snodgrass, Dennis Hemingway, Howard Sinks, Jerry Godley, Rick Scheffer. Missing were Larry Godley, Bob Gray, Jim Douglas and Jim Wommack. Jack Goodwin, manager.

AIR PROBLEMS

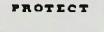
Some of you may have noticed over the past months a growing amount of publicity concerning "air pollution" problems in regards to wood waste disposal.

At Medco we have been aware of this situation for many years and have strived to do our best to keep our plants as clean as possible. Our efforts started when we originally built our large burner with an extensive tunnel system for natural drafts. In the late '40s we made substantial investments to modernize our power house and waste disposal units. Our chipper installation helped to remove a quantity of material formerly burned by converting former waste to salable pulp chips. This, however, left with a mixture of waste heavier to bark which proves troublesome to burn at times due to its tendency to compact. We have continued our efforts up to the present time. During our last vacation period we installed a cone in our burner to provide better air circulation to increase burning efficiency. We are now in the process of constructing a conveyor system to the large burner to enable us to dispose of course, dirty material that we had to open-burn in the area north of the plant.

We hope that with the increased utilization of forest products materials that we can eventually arrive at a time when we can use the entire tree in one product form or another. Meanwhile, we at Medco, are coping with the problem to the best of our technical knowledge and abilities.

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**IF
YOU
FIND
THIS IS
EASY TO
READ YOUR
EYES ARE OK
PROTECT THEM**

**WELCOME BACK**

Homer Pleyer, lumber, who has been missing from action, returned to work recently looking as fit as a fiddle. Also Myron Kropf, sawmill, who had been off since June with an injury, has mended and returned to work. Good to have you both back again.

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There's one thing that can be said about baldness—"it's neat."

WEDDING BELLS

Mr. John Shute, plywood, and Ellen Louise Sherman were joined in holy matrimony June 12th. The Zion Lutheran Church where the wedding took place was the same church the bride's parents were wed in. The happy couple took their honeymoon trip to the Oregon coast and are now at home in Medford. Congratulations from all of us.

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CREDIT UNION

Did you hear about your neighbor? He saved \$1,000.00 in five years! By spending a little less. By saving dimes. By putting \$15.00 a month (that's all) in the Credit Union each month. How about you?

You can start today. Tell us how you want to save \$1,000.00. We can arrange a schedule to fit your needs and abilities. In five years you can have \$1,000.00 by saving \$15.00 per month. In ten years you can accomplish the same thing for \$6.75 per month. In twenty years it takes only \$2.50 per month. All based on the average credit union dividends. While you are saving your \$1,000.00 you receive good dividends and you have the added value of life insurance at no extra cost (a dollar for each dollar you save, up to \$2,000.00) for shares purchased before 60 years of age. Remember even if you have a small amount invested the benefits start with the first dollar you save. Small regular savings add up fast and earns the same dividends and life insurance protection.

When you save in the credit union your money is in the place you own and operate as a member. Times a wasting! Bring in your money and start receiving benefits now! It only costs 25c to join. DO IT TODAY! See Walt Craig or Joe Killingsworth.

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KITCHEN KORNER

This months offering was sent in by Mrs. W. H. Gates. After reading some of Mrs. Gates goodies we wonder how Bill stays as trim as he does because they all sound terrific. Thanks for this months receipe Mrs. Gates.

FROSTED DELIGHTS

1½ cups flour, ½ teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon baking powder, ½ cup shortening, 1 cup granulated sugar, 2 eggs beaten, ½ teaspoon vanilla, 1 cup brown sugar, 1 egg white stiffly beaten, 1 cup nut meats chopped. Sift flour, salt and baking powder. Cream shortening with sugar until fluffy. Add eggs, vanilla and sifted ingredients and mix well. Spread butter thinly on a baking sheet. Fold brown sugar into egg whites. Spread batter on sheet and sprinkle with chopped nuts. Bake in slow oven at 325 degrees for 30 minutes. Cool and cut into squares. Yield about 30.

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Wife to husband as tailor measures his waist:

"It's amazing when you realize that a Douglas Fir that big around would be 90' tall."

NEW ARRIVALS

Janice and David Johnson, plywood, welcomed Joseph Allen who arrived on May 6th to join brother and sister Patrick and Diane.

Christine and Wayne Pearce, railroad, were pleased at the arrival of 8 lb. 4 oz., George Wesley who arrived June 18th.

Patricia and Fred Hogue, yard, brought home 6 lb. Randall Wayne who arrived June 21st to join big sister Gail.

Ione and Marvin Peterson, lumber, were happy at the arrival of 8 lb., 5 oz. Monica June born June 25th. They have one other daughter.

Lorraine and Ray Croft, plywood, are the proud parents of 8 lb., 11 oz. Debra Rae who arrived July 22nd and joins another sister at home.

Joyce and Wayne Clymer, plywood, welcomed their first born Teresa June who weighed 7 lb., 10 oz. and arrived on July 24th.

Janet and Harold Bell, plywood, are happy with the arrival of the first baby, 7 lb., 15 oz. Sherrie Lee, who was born August 7th.

Congratulations to each of the proud parents!

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MEDCO NEWS & VIEWS

"SUPER SNOOPER"

This month we went to the plywood plant and checked the swing shift crew for our question:

"What is your favorite relaxation from work?"



Steve Jones — Green end

"Softball, football, hockey and good movies."



Jim Stenerson — Spreaders

"My relaxation from work is being with my family and working around the house."

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Frank Root — Dryers

"Hunting and fishing and all outdoor sports."



Gene Rotan — Warehouse
"I enjoy hunting and fishing."

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TRIM ENDS

Rumor at the sawmill . . . down to the basement and check out that sweet number that is currently known as the "Maid of Medco" or the "Sawmills Sweetheart." She's a doll.

Plywood plant beat indicated peace and quiet except for the wrong kind of blocks. Noted by the front of the plant by the big door (this is supposed to be a busy place) . . . a little bird nest complete with eggs tucked away in one of the shrubbery.

Seen on the railroad. The crews wrestling around two loaded chip cars (85 tons apiece) that had derailed. After some hard work and careful planning putting them back on the track as slick as a whistle. "Off again, on again, gone again, Flanagan."

Noted . . . a certain rotund dry kiln supervisor sneaking around putting up signs that are not at all apropos to the situation. It is feared that the severe loss of weight has affected his cranial capacity.

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A sawmill man on his break ambled into the blacksmith's area of the machine shop and picked up a steel rod without realizing that it had just come from the forge. Instantly, he dropped the hot rod, shoved his seared hand into his pocket and tried to appear nonchalant.

"Kinda hot, wasn't it" asked Hal Grow and Lee Matney.

"Nope," replied the sawmill man. "Just don't take me long to look at a steel rod."

FREE FLU SHOTS

Please check the bulletin board soon in your department for the schedule of free influenza shots. The inoculations (painless) will again be made available by the company. They are given in two separate stages approximately five weeks apart. The first shot will be made available sometime in early September. Might be a good way to avoid some misery during the coming winter. Think it over.